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TAGS: ECPS, ES

SUBJECT: CODEL NICHOLS IN EL SALVADOR: FALSE WIRE

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SERVICE STORY

1. AP HAS TRANSMITTED REPORT QUOTING "EMBASSY SPOKESMAN GREGORY LAGANA" AS SAYING THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT OF DELEGATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE IS TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS THAT SALVADORAN ARMY OFFICERS ARE SELLING ARMS TO GUERRILLAS. FOR THE RECORD, ACTING PAO LAGANA HAS NEVER RPT NEVER SPOKEN TO AP ABOUT THIS CODEL AND HAS NOT MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENT TO ANYONE. AP SAN SALVADOR BUREAU CLAIMS STORY WAS TRANSMITTED FROM HERE SOURCING "U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL," BUT THAT SPOKESMAN SOURCING WAS ADDED IN MEXICO CITY. LOCAL AP CORRESPONDENT SAYS AP MEXICO CITY HAS ISSUED CORRECTION. STILL, ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ORIGINAL COPY MAY FIND ITS WAY INTO PRINT OR PROVOKE JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS, AND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DENY.  
 LAGANA  
 END OF MESSAGE

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